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Christmas in Court House set for Dec. 1

The holiday season is in full swing, and the Middle Township Chamber of Commerce invites all to come to Christmas in Court House and the Tree of Life Festival, Friday Dec. 1 from 6-9 p.m.

The evening includes free trolley rides, entertainment, food, fun and the wonderful spirit of community.

Santa lights the tree at 6 p.m., and he'll be with the Middle Township Panthers Marching Band. It takes place in the Press parking lot on Main St.

Santa will visit afterward at the Fire Department on Boyd St., and there will be goodies for the kids.

The Chamber hospitality tent will be located on Mechanic Street in front of the Library. Stop in for refreshment.

The town comes alive for the holidays with roasted chestnuts

on an open fire, Mrs. Claus telling stories, live singers, a puppet show at 6:15 p.m. in front of the courthouse steps, model train displays, craft show, and much more, including the Tree of Life Festival in the old courthouse building on Rt. 9.

The live tree auction begins at 8:30 p.m. Proceeds donated to Holy Redeemer Hospice, CARA, Cape Assist, United Way. There is a \$1 donation for admission.

Come to Court House Dec. 1 and start the holidays right, with carolers, stilt walkers, balloon maker and lots of live community fun.

Free parking is available at the East Mechanic County Parking Lot, behind the County Court House off Boyd Street, the Township Municipal lot and Our Lady of Angels Church on Mechanic Street.

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Students and their families at Bishop McHugh Regional Catholic School recently donated non-perishable food items and money to purchase turkeys for those less fortunate in the community. Each class prepared baskets to be distributed from Holy Redeemer Nursing Agency before the Thanksgiving holiday. On Thursday, Nov. 16, students gathered for a prayer service lead by Rev. Pawel Kryszkiewicz of St. Casimir Parish, who blessed the baskets before the were delivered. The Thanksgiving basket project was headed by the school's Team Mercy students.

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Reflections



This issue hits the stands on Thanksgiving Eve, when not one, but two holiday events are just hours away. Tomorrow, of course, is Thanksgiving Day, and if you happen to be on kitchen duty, you probably won't be reading this until after the dishes are packed in the dishwasher and the leftovers packed in the fridge.

But whenever you get to it, I know you'll enjoy reading about what your Connections correspondent is thankful for in your neighborhood.

And here's my opportunity to say how grateful I am to be receiver and transmitter of all our county's social information, and especially, to interact with you weekly.

Event number two?

Then, only a few hours after the last bite of pumpkin pie, shop doors everywhere will open for the Black Friday shop-a-thon.

Two events in one week mean two features in this issue: "giving thanks" and "giving gifts."

So, give thanks. Eat turkey. Then relax, digest and read. We're about to help you make your gift list and your game plan for full-contact Christmas shopping.

Begin with Arthur Schwerdt who suggests delightful shopping experiences that will produce very creative gifts.

Carolyn Miller knows how to surprise and please the fishers on your list. Miller also looked into sending Christmas joy to our service men and women. Let her tell you what to send and how to send it.

Nick Colin checked out the hot new Playstation Three, just in case you have a gamer on your list (or you want to impress everyone with your techno-savvy-ness.)

But it's not all about holidays this week. We are versatile, as you know. In fact, be watching for the "un-holiday" issue coming soon.

Meanwhile, in this issue, Christine Cote, Nick Colin, and Joe Hart review Cape May's Film Festival.

Erin O'Neill tells all about Noche de Artes at the PAC, celebrating Hispanic culture. (informative, fun, and free!)

And there's another very important musical event coming, too. We want you to get your tickets, line up your babysitter, and make an appointment to have your hair teased, because on Dec. 2 you'll want to be looking cool at the Wildwoods Convention Center for the island's Holiday Concert.

Who's performing? Leslie Gore, Frankie Avalon, and Carmen Dee, who will be honored for the 60 years he's been entertaining "down the shore." Read Jim Vanore's interview with Dee to reminisce or to find out what it's all about.

For now, sleep off all that turkey-tryptophan tonight. You're going to need your strength if you want to keep up with us.

My best,

Carolyn Mee

Carolyn Mee, Ph.D.

Cover story

There is something almost Mona Lisa-esque about that child on our cover this week.

Don't you just feel that the little pilgrim knows something that you don't — standing there like Soupy Sales getting ready to use that pie for...who knows?

She's a Cape May County pilgrim, you see. One theory holds

that the pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock because they ran out of beer.

The pilgrims had originally planned to go further south, to Northern Virginia (which in those days was the New York area), but as we know, some of the Mayflower descendents did make it all the way to the Jersey Cape (word is, they wanted to attend the flag-lower ceremonies at Sunset

Beach, but in reality, they wanted to acquire some Cape May diamonds).

So enjoy turkey, football, parades and family on Thursday, then spend the next several days finding out what our little pilgrim knows: that there are plenty of diamonds — and other treasures — to be found in Cape May County this holiday season.

—Jim Vanore

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Cape May County Events



Featured in last year's pageant were (left to right) Bridesmaid Ashley Pearson, Lucia Bride Brooke Pearson and Star Boy Ronald Ernst, all from Court House.

### Lucia Pageant and Scandinavian Market

The Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, 2810 Atlantic Ave., **Wildwood**, will hold its annual Lucia Fest on Sunday, Dec. 3. Market hours are 2 to 3:30 p.m. featuring handmade crafts in addition to traditional Scandinavian food and heritage items. The traditional Lucia Pageant follows at 4 p.m. in the church. Market will reopen after pageant. All are invited for cake and coffee in the parish hall.

This year the doll for the Lucia Fest is Karl, a Swedish boy, dressed in authentic clothing.



Make plans now for these upcoming events:

**LUNCHEON**  
Wildwood Civic Club, 3008 Atlantic Ave., **Wildwood**, is selling meal coupons good for Mulligans, 310 W. Hildreth Ave. Wildwood. Redeem Nov. 24 through Dec. 5. Donation \$8. Call 609-729-4515 for tickets.

**ORNAMENTS**  
The Museum of American Glass Special Exhibition Gallery at the Weaton Arts & Cultural Center, 1501 Glasstown Road, **Millville**, will feature 12 trees decorated with "Ornaments Through Time: A Handmade Christmas" from Nov. 24 through Dec. 31, Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$7 students. Children under five are free.

**CONCERT**  
Buy tickets now for the Holiday Concert with the **Ocean City** Pops featuring the Philadelphia Boys Choir to be held on Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the O.C. High School, Sixth & Atlantic avenues. Reserved seats are \$15. Call 609-525-9281 or 609-525-9297 or stop by the City Hall Annex.

**TOY TRAINS**  
This holiday season, see a 28'X32' layout of toy trains in all scales and the different villages they travel through at Canal Toy Trains, 1013 Batts Lane, **Cold Spring**, starting this weekend from noon to 4 p.m. Call for more dates and times, 609-898-8979.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER DANCE**  
The Madonna Maria Council Knights of Columbus in **Sea Isle City** will hold a Christmas Dinner Dance, Tuesday, Dec. 12 in St. Joseph's Auditorium from 5:45 to 10 p.m. Everyone welcome. For info and tickets call Tony 609-263-1558, Bill, 609-263-0559, or Joe, 609- 263-2742. RSVP by Dec. 6.

**AARP LUNCHEON**  
AARP Victorian Cape May Chapter #691 will hold a Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 14 at the Grand Hotel in **Cape May**. Cocktail hour at 11 a.m. Music by the Soft Tones. All seniors are welcome. Reservations are \$18 needed by Dec. 6. Call 609-886-5594 or 609-884-2716.

**Fri. Nov. 24**  
**THEATER**  
"Dick Spindler's Family Christmas" performed by the East Lynne Theater Company in **Cape May**, 8:30 p.m.

**MESSIAH**  
The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Communiity "Messiah" Sing-a-long will be held Nov. 24 at the Cape Island Baptist Church, Columbia & Guerny streets, **Cape May**, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to this free performance. Refreshments will be served.

**ISLAND HOLIDAY**  
An Island Holiday, Christmas in **Stone Harbor**. Parades, crafts, skits, live animals, trim-a-tree, caroling and more. Nov. 24 and 25.

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**CRAFT SHOW**  
Holiday Crafts Show, Nov. 24 and 25, at Convention Hall, **Cape May**, with more than 40 vendors. Open Friday, Nov. 24 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$1 and proceeds benefit the restoration of the Emlen Physick Estate. Call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278.

**HOLIDAY SHOW**  
**Avalon** Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Party will be held Friday Nov. 24 starting at 5 p.m., Veterans Plaza, 21st and Dune Drive. After the ceremony, a holiday party with Santa, clown, magician and face painter will continue. Refreshments and pizza. A trolley shuttle will run for three hours through the business district which will remain open for the evening. For more information call 967-3066.

**Sat. Nov. 25**  
**PHOTOS**  
Photos with Santa, every Saturday, noon - 3 p.m. at the **Ocean City** Music Pier. Call 609-399-2629.

**HOLIDAY HOOPLA**  
The Wetlands Institute will celebrate Holiday Hoopla from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in **Stone Harbor Manor**. Call 609-368-1211.

**BEEF AND BEER**  
Celebrate Christmas Express Beef and Beer at Atkinson's Courtyard, **Court**

**House**, on Nov. 25 from 7 to 10 p.m. and help support local children and families in need. \$25 per person, in advance or at the door. Call 609-425-9419.

**Thurs. Nov. 30**  
**SILENT AUCTION**  
Cape May Counseling Services will hold its Fourth Annual Silent Auction from 6 to 9 p.m. at Congress Hall, **Cape May**. Call 888-944-1816.

**Fri. Dec. 1**  
**TREE LIGHTING**  
Hereford Inlet Lighthouse Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, First and Central avenues, **North Wildwood**. Santa Claus and refreshments at 6 p.m. Free. 609-522-8300.

**OPEN HOUSE**  
Crow Creek Studio, 1028 Rt 9 S, **Court House**, at Cape Shore Gardens, will host an open house from 6 to 9 p.m. Fine art and contemporary crafts. Call 609-465-5161.

**CAROLING**  
Tree Lighting and Community Caroling, 7 p.m. Victorian Bandstand, **Cape May**. Concert by "Just Us" in the First United Methodist Church of Cape May immediately after the ceremony. 609-884-9565.

**PARADE**  
Christmas Parade at 7:30 p.m. Sixth to 11th streets on Asbury Avenue, **Ocean City**. Lighting ceremony at 7 p.m.

**Sat. Dec. 2**  
**HOSPITALITY**  
**Ocean City** celebrates Hospitality Weekend along Asbury Avenue Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 609-525-9300.

**TRAINS**  
Train Show at the Music Pier in **Ocean City**, Dec. 2 and 3. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sunday. Admission \$3 adults, \$1 for children.

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# Dickens Christmas Extravaganza begins Dec. 4

Victorian Cape May is filled with the sights and sounds, tastes and scents of the Dickens era during lectures, performances, tours and feasts of the Dickens Christmas Extravaganza from Dec. 3 through 5.

This 25th annual event, co-sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts (MAC) and the Philadelphia Chapter of the Dickens World Fellowship, is a wonderful way to get into the holiday spirit, and there's no better place to do it than in the Victorian seaside town of Cape May.

The Dickens Extravaganza begins at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at the First Presbyterian Church, Decatur and Hughes streets, when the East Lynne Theater Company presents a comic reading of Dick Spindler's Family Christmas, a Western Christmas tale by Bret Harte.

The Extravaganza continues at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 4 with a discussion by Dr. Jay Friedlin of Dickens' "The Old Curiosity Shop." Friedlin is the President Emeritus of the Philadelphia Branch of the Dickens Fellowship and is a vast reader of Charles Dickens and Dickensian lore.

Friedlin's lecture is followed at 10:30 a.m. by the holiday meeting of the Cape May Literary Society, which will present a living history presentation as a character from the past reads and discusses excerpts from beloved holiday literature.

At 2 p.m. on the afternoon of Dec. 4, spend an afternoon at the award-winning Cape May Winery, 711 Town Bank Rd., North Cape May. After a short tour of the vineyard to see how the grapes are grown and harvested, enjoy a barrel tasting accompanied by cheese and fruit.

The final day of the Dickens Christmas Extravaganza is filled with activities. Start the day

with a lecture by Dr. Jay Friedlin at 9:30 a.m. at the Inn of Cape May on Tuesday, Dec. 5 titled "Dickens and Women, Part II."

Friedlin's focus will be Dickens' treatment of women in real life and in literature.

At 10:30 a.m., Patricia Vinci, President of the Philadelphia Dickens Fellowship presents "Frankly Dickens," contrasting and comparing Dickens and Sinatra, two men who stand alone in popular culture in their representation of their eras and the countries in which they lived.

At 11:30 a.m., enjoy a richly illustrated lecture called "The '50s Woman: What a Difference a Century Makes," comparing and contrasting women of 1850 and 1950.

At 1:45 p.m., take a trip "Down Memory Lane: The Music of the '40s, '50s and '60s" with two musicians who were a part of this mid-20th century music scene, and who explain the similarities of music lovers that spanned the centuries.

The festivities conclude with a Gala Dickensian Feast at 6:30 p.m. at Congress Hall, Congress Place and Perry Street. Come dressed as your favorite character from Dickens or in Victorian costume for this four-course Victorian feast and costume contest.

All lectures are at the Inn of Cape May, 7 Ocean St. For information, call 609-884-5404 or 800-275-4278, or visit MAC's website at [www.capemaymac.org](http://www.capemaymac.org).



## Wreaths for sale

The Stone Harbor Parent Teacher Connection is selling Christmas Wreaths again this year. The cost of each wreath is \$15.

The wreaths are of florist quality, double-sided and decorated with pinecones and a red bow. These wreaths make great gifts for friends and neighbors.

The proceeds of this sale are used to enhance Stone Harbor students' educational experience.

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By CAROLYN MILLER  
Herald Staff

Making a list and checking it twice? Is there someone in the military on that list? Or perhaps you and your family want to share an extra bit of joy with one of our servicemen or women serving overseas. If so, there are a few things you'll need to know.

If you want to be sure that your card, letter, or package arrives in time for Christmas, the USPS has set some deadlines.

Packages to be shipped via parcel post needed to be sent by Nov. 13. But don't despair, Space Available Mail (SAM) will still accept packages with a maximum weight of 15 pounds and 60 inches in length and girth combined until Nov. 27.

Cards and letters can be sent as late as Dec. 11 with the expectation that they will reach their destination by the holidays. (If the address reads APO/FPO AE ZIP 093, the deadline is Dec. 4.)

Use the APO or FPO address as written. Do not include the country the person is stationed in as this complicates the delivery system.

If you don't have a specific person and definitive address, the Department of Defense asks that you do not send to generic names and addresses. For example, avoid sending to "Any Soldier in Iraq."

Herald reporter Nick Colin is listing the names and addresses of local military personnel in his article on p. A3. Choose someone from his list to make your efforts more meaningful.

# Shopping and shipping for the troops

There are also several agencies that work year round to help you connect with soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen. My favorite is Soldiers' Angels (www.soldiersangels.org).

Founded by the grand-neice of General George Patton, Patti Patton-Bader, this all-volunteer group can arrange for you to 'adopt' a service member.

You are asked to make a commitment to send at least one letter a week and one or two 'care packages' (any size) every month. They have arranged over 100,000 adoptions so far.

This is a great idea because it keeps mail and packages going to the troops all year long. You can also adopt a soldier's family and stay in touch with them.

Their website provides a 'store' featuring specific items needed. This makes it really easy to send a gift.

If you prefer, to 'do-it-yourself', here's a list of items you might purchase for our troops: phone cards, socks, hand held games, snack foods, chap stick, bug repellent, gloves, and packages of soup, hot chocolate, mac and cheese.

It seems the number one request is for travel packs of wipes so be sure to throw a few of these in the box.

Also consider silly putty, individual packs of creamer and sugar, cough drops, unbreakable containers of salsa/cheese, puzzle books, band-aids, nerf balls, chewing gum. Add anything else that brings comfort and joy, and is easy to pack.

Be very careful about food products and do not put batteries in any item; pack them separately. We don't want something that is 'ticking' sent to a military base.

The post office has a Military Care Kit that contains two priority mail boxes, six priority mail flat rate boxes, eight priority mail labels, a roll of tape and eight customs forms and envelopes. They are available at no charge by calling 800-610-8734. The priority mail flat rate boxes can be shipped to any APO/FPO in the world, regardless of weight, for \$8.10.

Let your children pick out some of the items to send and involve them as much as possible in this project. Emphasize that Christmas is a time to share joy and let others know that they are appreciated. Especially the men and women serving in the military far from home.

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5-Weeks of Christmas

Playstation Three Takes on Nintendo Wii for Gaming World Domination

By NICK COLIN  
Herald Staff

Nintendo and Sony are once again fighting a war for supreme video game console domination.

It's common ground for both companies, who've been in battle for over a decade.

Sony introduced the Playstation and Nintendo countered with Nintendo64 in late 1996.

In 2000, Sony upped the ante with the PS2, two Playstations in one, which would result in Nintendo's Game-Cube in 2001, which could process a bit more information than its rival's console.

Now, as the holiday season kicks into gear, Sony released a new and improved version of its Playstation Nov. 17.

The console features a new processor called Cell, which gives the console more power and more realistic graphics in high definition.

The Playstation Three will face off against The Nintendo Wii, released Nov. 19, which offers a wireless controller and the WiiConnect24, which allows the console to receive messages and updates via the Internet.

Gaming Web sites have sounded off about both systems already.

According to one site Nintendo Wii "has too many kiddie games" and "a lack of graphi-

cal power," but will be relatively cheap.

Gamers seemed to find Playstation Three to be the superior product, but at a superior cost. Best Buy is selling Playstation Three at \$499.99 for the 20gb version and \$599.99 for the 60gb version, which has more memory. The Nintendo Wii is being sold for the substantially lower price of \$249.

Avid gamers set up camp out front of stores like BestBuy, Circuit City, and Toys "R" Us in an attempt to bypass long lines and get first dibs on the game systems.

In some cases, folks were there days before Sony and Nintendo's respective releases.

It will be easier to obtain a Nintendo Wii; 4 million systems went on sale across the country Nov. 19, while only 400,000 Sony Playstation Threes will be available.

There is a component shortage, the Blu-ray component to be exact, which resulted in a reduced number of Playstations be sent over to retailers in the United States and Japan. The shortage delayed the launch of the product altogether in Europe.

"We'll only be able to provide Playstations to those who preordered. The Toys "R" Us at Time Square in New York City only has like 100 to sell so far," said Christine Purcis.

"We had people waiting outside in tents and we had to tell them to try somewhere else," she said.

Best Buy took down a list of names from sidewalk campers. A half an hour before the store opened, they handed tickets to those in the line so that they would have dibs on the 50 Playstations for sale.

The same process occurred for the Nintendo Wii, even though more were produced.

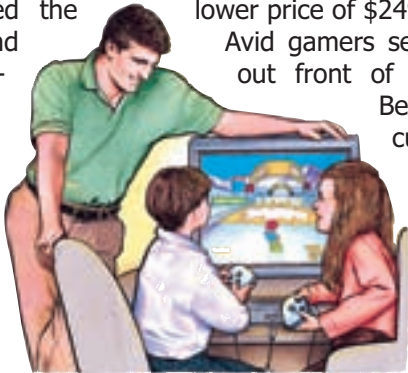
Another problem with the system surfaced last week when Japanese video game magazine Enterbrain reported that the new Playstation had problems playing about 200 games from Playstation one and two.

The magazine reported that sound and screen problems had occurred after the product was released in Japan on Nov. 12. Sony had production problems with Playstation Two in 2000, but the problem was corrected and 100 million units were eventually sold. Apparently Nintendo Wii didn't suffer from some of Playstation's problems.

In spite of production problems and cost, both systems have been heavily promoted via commercials and other promotional means.

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# Lower Twp. Connection

By **AMY MCCULLY**  
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## Tree Lighting

On Nov. 26, 1942 President Roosevelt signed a bill establishing the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day. I wish you a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Around the township in this last week, you can find many locations to donate food for those who do not have enough. There are many organizations that welcome your help during this holiday season. Usually the baskets that you find are for both Thanksgiving and Christmas, so they should be available through December as well.

If you are able, donating food this holiday season will make a difference to your fellow neighbors.

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There is a special ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 28 beginning at the Recreation Center in Villas at 7 p.m. The Lower Township Rotary Tree Lighting event is in honor of all the soldiers who were killed in the Vietnam War and particularly the two Lower Township soldiers, one of whom was a charter member of the Rotary club in our community.

During this program, prizes will be given to



the winners of the poster contest. These winners are in fifth and sixth grades at Sandman School. Ret. Lt. Col Gene Sole, US Marine Corps Reserve and principal of Teitleman School, guest speaker, will say a few words.

Both the Righteous Ringer Bells Choir and the Lower Cape May Regional High School choir will perform.

Once the ceremony inside is completed, there will a candlelight walk led by the veteran honor guard to Township Hall where a wreath will be placed at the memorial. The tree will then be lit.

You can enjoy refreshments after the program inside Township Hall. This event is open to all residents. The program will last about 45 minutes. I have attended this exceptional program in the past and it is a very special tribute to these soldiers. Bring your kids and cameras along, as there maybe a special surprise waiting in Township Hall at the conclusion of the program.

For more events take a peek at the calendar here in On Deck or log onto [www.CapeMayCountyHerald.com](http://www.CapeMayCountyHerald.com).

Keep sending me your events, news, and milestones. I look forward to hearing from you. Happy Thanksgiving!

# Seven Mile Beach Connection

By **TOM COPE**  
*Herald Correspondent*

## Down come the cottages; up go the McMansions



McMansion is a slang architectural term, which describes a particular style of house that, as its name suggests, is both large like a mansion and as culturally ubiquitous as a McDonald's fast food restaurant.

Many critics assert that the architecture of McMansions is poorly considered, not "properly" balanced against lot size, or otherwise undesirable in proportion. Criticisms include the deviation from traditional local or regional architectural style, and perceived negative effects on nature and neighborhoods.

The use of and emphasis on ornamental features visible from the front has been criticized as ostentatious or cluttered. The specific styles of architecture used are also sometimes criticized because they are not native to the local area, and because features from various different architectural styles are mixed.

Elements taken from different architectural styles are often decorative, rather than design or construction features. The most common decorative elements used are roofs, porches, and windows. Roof spaces that contain rooms rather than attics offer ample opportunity

**Classic Stone Harbor cottage.**

for dormers and cross-gables. Porches, being the focus of the front elevation, are often columned and pedimented with oculus or "bull's-eye" windows. Windows, are very large, and may take the form of French doors or Palladian windows, in which a central arch-headed window is flanked by narrower rectangular windows.

The larger amount of space in a McMansion means that much of the home's volume is not used as much or as efficiently as the space in a smaller house.

Exterior lighting on a McMansion is often profuse and varied, usually designed more for dramatic effect than practicality. Poorly designed exterior lighting commonly wastes up to 40 percent of its electrical demand by over-lighting and illuminating the surrounding area with glare.

Light trespass (a decorative, not a legal concept) occurs when a light fixture on one property illuminates an adjacent or nearby property.

The first principle of good exterior lighting is to illuminate only what we wish to see, and nothing else. When we see

light from the fixture itself rather than what the fixture is meant to illuminate, we are observing glare.

While glare is the most common lighting problem, it is also one of the easiest to detect and fix. Shielding light fixtures so that direct rays of light cannot reach our eye can eliminate it. This allows the eye to maintain its nighttime sensitivity. Shielded lights also improve security by allowing us to use our peripheral vision to see objects and movement in dark areas that would otherwise be obscured by glare.

There are many well-lit homes in Avalon and Stone Harbor where you cannot see the source of the light.

While you are driving the streets of Seven Mile Beach this week, take a moment to appreciate the unique charm and simplicity of the bungalow and cottage homes that have been the trademark of our towns. They are disappearing and disappearing with them is the lifestyle and quiet grace that attracted so many of us to the shore.

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Nov. 25 — "Caroling Under the Clock" — 6:45 to 7:15 p.m., on 96th Street by the town clock.

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Check the On Deck calendar for other Seven-Mile events and page B5 for the school wreath sale.

For all special social events in your community see page B4.  
For all other meetings see page A16.



# Sea Isle City Connection

By **CAROL ANN VOLPE**  
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## Thanksgiving Day please remember...

It's turkey time, a favorite holiday for people everywhere! There's a special cranberry Jell-O mold, wonderful stuffing, sweet potato casserole, and all the trimmings, and don't forget the turkey.

There's the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade on TV where all the couch potatoes, stuffed from dinner, stay tuned to watch a million football games. And then there's the real reason for Thanksgiving.

Whenever I gather with my family on Thanksgiving Day and give thanks for the wonderful gifts of life and health, I cannot help but feel guilty, because there are so many people in our wealthy country who have no homes at all and are living on the streets.

I don't know how to change any of this except to step outside of the comfort zone in which I live, and try to be sensitive to the world around me.

I am thankful I have the inherent ability to empathize with those less fortunate. Heaven only knows, I haven't much money, but I am very wealthy in family, friends, and faith.

Yesterday I went for a long walk in the park with my children and better half and I was

musing on how much I love my family and this county, in which I was born and raised and raised my children.

I hated this county when I was younger because for teenagers there was absolutely nothing to do here. My baby brother Wayne, who had moved to Atlantic County years before, would tease me often for living here in what he calls the Stone Age.

I always smile in spite of this, because it's brotherly love and I smile whenever I reflect on it.

Along with the fact I am facing some of life's hardest health challenges, yesterday the light bulb came on for me, walking down this leafy path: Thanksgiving is a time for food, celebration, and fun.

But for some folks, Thanksgiving can be a lonely time.

Many adults spend the holidays feeling isolated and depressed, and smiles are not there for them. This Thanksgiving, it is important to remember that it's about more



than being thankful for one day; it is an entire lifetime.

On this day be thankful for all the things in your life, no matter how big or how small.

Even in our deepest sorrow, we can find things to be thankful for.

Though the harvest might not always be plentiful, family and friends may be few, God has given us each a great deal to be thankful for.

I'm thankful that I have the strength to meet the challenges that come with life.

I'm thankful for each memory that family and friends have given me.

I'm thankful for having a profound understanding that it is more important to give than to receive.

Today be thankful for what you have to give, not just what you have received.

Happy Thanksgiving.

# Woodbine Connection

By **MARYJAYE FRANKEL-SYPNIEWSKI**  
Herald Correspondent

## Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving, reminds me that there are many things about South Jersey to give thanks for:

- We are in the Pinelands, where there exists the promise of preservation of open space and a way of living.

- Summer season and fall "second season," do end, giving us space for our way of living.

- There are trees around the house we live in, and in our park, and along our streets, and that DEP's Community Forestry Program supports our efforts to maintain them;

- All the people in the program we've come to know from the Shade Trees Commission Conference each year.

- There are frogs to count along our route and that we hear the singing of the peepers as our early sign of spring's warmer weather ahead.

- Coqui (the "Puerto Rican National frog") hops at Woodbine Elementary's annual Puerto Rican Heritage Day, Nov. 30.

- Beaches are close by, and full of sand and marshes.

- East Point Light House is a family refuge, and that my husband is the Marsh and Beach Walk tour guide at open houses there.

- The Cape May Lewes Ferry

makes trips south a "cruising" opportunity.

- The Millville Arts district is closer than the over-burdened ocean beaches, except in the summer Third Friday traffic.

- We have an antique/collectible district, and that my little sister likes it.

- The Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage is an education-based site.

- The rib guy has sides like collards on weekends.

- When summer comes, we do our cardio and then get ice cream at Chet's again.

- Feed and Seed is always a seasonal adventure to walk to.

- Our yard is full of birds to feed with their seed.

- Snow is more often a brief delight than a season-long hassle.

- Woodbine is the equestrian capital of South Jersey.

- "Stumpy" lives on Route 49 (He'll be getting his own column here soon.)

- We live and work in Woodbine, a place where diversity is not just tolerated, but celebrated.

We are also thankful for constructive criticism, and so we would like to reply to the Spouter whose comments appeared Nov. 8.

At first, we thought perhaps the problem was with the new "On Deck" format for these

columns. Creative non-fiction has never been our forte. Therefore, too much personal reminiscence vis-a-vis Woodbine crept in. I do apologize for that.

Woodbine has many fine organizations such as AARP, Municipal Alliance, PTA, Scouts, and many churches. In the past we have tried to mention events from all of these and others.

If you e-mail me at wdbconnection@cmherald.com, coverage in either the column or the new Herald events and meetings listings can be given. Or drop the information off at Borough Hall, where under full disclosure this columnist is, yes, employed.

If anyone, including the Spouter, is interested in taking over this column as of January, please contact the editor.



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Dennis Twp. Connection

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Dennis Township Blog from the Bog

It's official! Dennis Township loves to burn the Herald.

An informal survey conducted by a less than awake canvasser slouching in front of the recently closed Wawa on Route 9 in Swainton revealed that two out of three people prefer using the Herald to start their fireplaces and woodstoves on a cold, damp morning.

The survey covered local newspapers only. The survey was conducted with a total of six subjects, all of whom come from Dennis Township.

The subjects had stopped at the defunct store as part of their morning routine. Four of whom were reluctant participants, being more interested in learning where they could go in the area to get a cup of coffee than they were in participating in a survey.

Herald loyalists indicated a special preference for flaming up with that award winning paper's "Spout Off" section, citing the page's highly flammable contents as being conducive to quick and easy fire starts.

Other favorite pages for burning include the new Dennis Township column.

"Rebmann wasn't nearly as gassy when he was reporting bake sales and AARP meetings," one survey taker observed, "now that he's allowed to subject readers to whatever's going on in his head, there's all sorts of hot air getting onto his page, which is perfect for getting a good blaze going in the stove."

In fact, he became overwrought with enthusiasm and suggested that there should be more Rebmann in the paper in the winter.

"It will help families on tight budgets and could even help save tax dollars. With enough of his stuff to burn, folks might not need to apply for heating assistance in the colder months. Too bad the Herald isn't a daily."

At this point, the canvasser was trying to pull himself out of the survey taker's clutches in order to escape from the parking lot to head north on Route 9 to the Avalon Coffee at Teaberry's Antique Store where he hoped to catch a cup of Kenyan before getting down to the task of "working his numbers."

Before he finally managed to pull away, the canvasser advised his subject to finish his thoughts by phoning them in to next week's "Spout Off" where an appreciative audience would no doubt be grateful for the extra fuel.

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Tomorrow is Thanksgiving. People will be traveling to the farthest corners of the globe in order to celebrate the holiday and give thanks for the many things we have that are good, that we usually take for granted, and only remember in passing on days like this.

My sister-in-law and her husband are heading to Antarctica for the holiday.

I presume they want to watch global warming melt the glaciers while they dine on stuffed penguin in honor of America's first pilgrims who had to eat some pretty exotic food their first winter in the New World.

I'll be with my family, and the traditional turkey (not one of the wild birds of the bog!) enjoying a leisure day in bucolic Dennis Township.

Have a nice holiday.

The Wildwoods Connection

By RAY REBMANN

Herald Correspondent

Mentor Buddy

What's in it for me? Tomorrow, we give thanks for all the things we take for granted in this country, including my right to write stuff for this newspaper.

We show our gratitude for our rights and our freedoms by stuffing ourselves and watching bad football. At least, that's probably what I'll be doing.

We're all guilty of being bottom liners to a certain extent in the things we do.

It's getting harder and harder to find people who give of themselves for their communities with no expectation of a return for the time expended.

In a fast paced world in which people find it increasingly harder to find time and energy to do what they have to do to take care of themselves and their families, it's hard to make room to help strangers, even fellow community members.

Over the years, I've written about Margaret Mace School and its Mentor Buddy Program. Teacher Carol Bahniuk established the program over 20 years ago. It matches volunteer staff members, who give of their own time to be with students who want or need an adult buddy.

Throughout the school year, mentors and their buddies do a variety of things together that benefit the local community, and they have fun, too.

The group goes to ball games. They make crafts, share special dinners, deliver hand-made cards and cookies during holidays to shut-ins in the community, correspond with service people overseas, and make up special "survival" packages for children who are victims of domestic violence. And that's just a partial list.

Recently, about two dozen members of the group cleaned up trash along a couple of streets on the east side of North Wildwood.

The group worked and they had fun. Afterward, the gang headed down to the Elks Lodge for free pizzas made and served by a guy who, over the years, has been known among group members as the "secret buddy."

Today, the secret's out. The Mentor Buddy's best unofficial buddy over the years is George Greenland.

For those who know him, learning that George is a favorite volunteer for Margaret Mace School's volunteer group comes as no surprise.

I remember when my girls were students at Margaret Mace, and George would be there after special volunteer events like the annual Clean Ocean Action beach clean-up, running around at Sam's Pizza serving up slices and glasses of fruit juice to ravenous volunteers.

His energy and cheerfulness were contagious. I actually found myself trying to keep up with him. But those hungry kids' ravenous appetites usually reduced us to fits of laughter.

Over the years, George has always shown up and lent a hand even when it was inconvenient for him to do so.

He is one of many who volunteer their time and talent to efforts that don't earn recognition and are often unappreciated until those efforts aren't there any more.

There are guys like him everywhere, working full-time jobs, raising families of their own, and still making time to give something to the communities in which they live.

So the Wildwood column's Thanksgiving toast is to the anonymous volunteer whose efforts go far in making our local communities better places in which to live.

Every once in a while, your name might end up in a column like this.

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The Cape MaysConnection

By JOE HART  
Herald Correspondent

### Locals on Film

If you were viewing the wares at the weekend’s film festival and you thought you recognized some of the faces, you were not mistaken. The troupe of our own East Lynne Theater Company made up a majority of the cast in Tom Sims’ feature presentation “Bittercress.”

Sims, also a local son, wrote, directed and produced the movie through his production company Above the Line Films (ALF). His longtime friend and partner in ALF, James Trois, who has worked on such Hollywood blockbusters as “Titanic” and “Terminator 2,” is the technical expert of the duo while Sims is the artistic talent.

Using his artistic eye, he cast the ELTC actors in his film after seeing them perform in a Sherlock Holmes weekend show.

Along with picking local artists to star, Sims also chose to shoot his movie locally. If you look closely, you will be able to see several familiar landmarks.

For instance, there are scenes filmed at Uncle Bill’s Pancake House and the VFW Post in Cape May, at the No Frills Farm

in West Cape May, and also at the Cape May County Correctional Facility.

Cape May was not the first forum to gratefully accept the film. “Bittercress” and our resident thespians were previously seen on cable TV’s Education Channel as well as featured at the University of North Alabama Film Festival, the Delray Beach International Film Festival, the Delaware Valley Film Festival, and the Independent’s Film Festival, always with a warm reception.

“Bittercress” plot summary reads as follows:

“Thirteen years ago, James Malick killed Marion Smith’s son – she knows it. But the courts didn’t quite see it that way. Today, Malick is released and a stranger who gives her and others the chance to meet with Malick approaches Marion.

The stranger brings Malick to them, bound and gagged, and he testifies to them that Marion was right all along. Because of double jeopardy, the kidnapper warns that Malick can never be brought to justice again for this crime.

He hands Marion the same weapon used to kill her son, a baseball bat, in the only chance for justice she may ever

get. The question is: will she use it?”

ELTC Artistic Director, Gayle Stahlhuth convincingly portrays Marion Smith, a mother devastated by her son’s death. She is not only crushed by her loss, but also in denial, unable to accept the fact that her son was no angel.

All she knows is that Malick, deftly played by Damon Bonetti, killed her baby. Meanwhile, Michael, Malick’s younger brother, is also tormented having witnessed the brutal murder and not spoken up. This compels him to deliver his once idolized brother into the hands of the grieving mother.

After thirteen long years, Marion is still bitter and when she is handed the Louisville Slugger the audience expects the worst.

The comic side to this otherwise serious work is that Michael plans and commits the kidnapping of his brother while driving around in a bright white ice cream truck. Compounding the running gag, all of the townsfolk keep asking him if he has any icy novelties for sale despite the



movie’s chilly winter setting. Stahlhuth and Bonetti, along with Marty McDonough as Marion’s husband, give very strong performances and have the most screen time of the local crew.

Other ELTC actors in the film include: Phil Pizzi as Ron the Reporter, James Maher as Harry the Mayor, Lee O’Connor as ex-police chief Max Hall, and Patti Chambers as current police chief Adrian Brogan.

When they are not starring in feature films, the ELTC is busy performing “American Stage Classics” for Cape May residents and visitors at the First Presbyterian Church on Hughes Street.

They will close their 26th year with the comic holiday favorite, “Dick Spindler’s Family Christmas.”

As for “Bittercress,” hopefully Sims’ “experimental project” finds the commercial success it deserves. In the meantime, he has his eyes set on the Sundance Film Festival and according to ALF’s website, “Their ultimate goal is to find a suitable venue for reaching out to a broader audience.”

Middle Twp.Connection

By SUSAN DEFEO  
Herald Correspondent

### Giving Thanks

Aside from mounds of mashed potatoes, mouthwatering mincemeat pie, Mickey Mouse balloons at the Macy’s Parade, and next day morning to midnight shopping, Thanksgiving is the time of year we stop, reflect, and count our blessings.

Except for my wedding band, a Caravelle watch, a necklace adorned with tiny birthstones of my seven kids, and a bunch of Fashion Bug earrings, I own no jewelry.

I’ve never owned a cell phone or dishwasher, haven’t had cable TV for 15 years, and I mow my acre of lawn myself with a push mower.

My house has seen better days, is decorated with yard sale chic, and my car is fifteen years old.

Those are just some of the many blessings for which I am thankful.

You see, after I lost my original wedding band, it was ten years before I re-

ceived this cherished new one, on my 25th anniversary this past January to the love of my life.

The Caravelle watch was a surprise gift from my husband because he knew I needed one during my soccer mom days. It was a near match to the one my late father had given me for my confirmation 40 years earlier.

The necklace and earrings were Mother’s Day, Christmas, and birthday gifts from my gaggle of healthy and happy children.

It has been a blessing not to own a cell phone.

Between that and simply one TV channel, I’ve been able to devote more time to helping my kids with homework, taking bike rides with them, sharing meaningful conversations with them, reading, listening to music, gardening in my flower beds, and chilling with my husband.

Even our needy old house has been a blessing, as it has given me many opportunities to work alongside my life’s part-



ner, sharing a sense of accomplishment and pride when a project is completed.

Washing dishes, running my hands in the sudsy water, while looking out my kitchen window and watching the birds is cathartic, and mowing our large lawn is my form of exercise.

The money we’ve saved by decorating with yard sale antiques has gone towards fun family vacations, which have truly been a blessing.

Then there’s my 1991 Volvo station wagon. It has turbo, runs like a top, and I have no car payments to boot!

As residents of Middle Township we

have many blessings to be grateful for.

We have the zoo, the library, and the sports complex.

We have temperate weather with sea breezes.

We have a quaint and charming Main Street that rivals any town in New England.

We have the bay on one side and the ocean on the other.

We have beautiful crimson and gold trees in autumn and a lush brilliant green landscape in summer.

We have hawks that soar.

Our glass is full; and with that in mind, I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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MTHS and Lower Township High School holds their annual Anchor Bowl football game on Thanksgiving Day at noon.

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The Court House Post Office’s holiday extended hours are Dec. 2, 9, and 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Ocean City & Upper Twp.Connection

By ROSEMARIE WHELAN  
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It was such a gorgeous, sunny day on Saturday, Nov. 11, much too nice to stay indoors. I drove over to the Music Pier in Ocean City for the Big Holiday Festival of Fine Arts and Crafts. I was early, or so I thought. It was a little before 10 a.m., and there was already a long line to get into the Pier.

Everyone was chatting animatedly as the nice weather seemed to put everyone in a jovial mood. I began talking with Kim Davies of Seaville who was behind me in line.

She told me that she comes every year just to purchase the gourmet cookie mixes. Kim knew exactly where the stand was, and she was off as soon as we entered.

Strolling among the booths, I started to read some sayings that were hand stitched in needle calligraphy on small plaques. The one I liked the best was,

### Ocean City’s Festival of Fine Arts and Crafts

“May you always have Jersey sand in your shoes and a dollar in your pocket.”

There was also a small sand dollar charm attached to it. I struck up a conversation with Deidre Hazelwood, the artist who made the plaques. She told me that in 1994 she had been invited by the White House to make an ornament for their tree.

She was very proud of her accomplishment, as she should have been, since only two people from each state were picked for the honor. The saying that she chose for the ornament was, “I believe in angels.”

She received a thank you letter for her efforts from Hillary Clinton, which was displayed among her creations.

At another table, you could order a hand-painted wooden cut

out of your home. There were a lot on display, and they were distinctively detailed. I recognized some of the houses from my town. What a nice idea!

“Storyteller Jewelry,” the sign on this booth said. They were miniature book pins or necklaces. Inside the small book, an actual story that you can read unfolds (literally and figuratively).

The artist, Raelinda Woad, started out as a storyteller in Boston area coffeehouses, and she has written all of the stories that are contained in the small books. It certainly was a novel idea (no pun intended).

There were plenty of other handcrafted items available, such as knitted sweaters and scarves, art displays, leather goods, and other food items in addition to the cookies.

I saw Kim a little later, and

she happily held up the cookies mixes that she had purchased. I ended the morning with a nice, leisurely stroll along the boardwalk. All in all, it was a great day.

I would like to hear from you about events and happenings in your community. Please e-mail me with the information.

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Out of about 40 million turkeys to be eaten this year, two will be lucky enough to receive Presidential pardons. Two National Thanksgiving Turkeys (one is an alternate) will receive Presidential pardons again this year in a tradition that was begun by President Truman in 1947.

Last year’s pardoned turkeys,



Marshmallow and Yam, served as Honorary Grand Marshals of Disneyland’s Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Usually, the turkeys are retired to the Frying Pan Park (really, that’s the name) in Fairfax County, Virginia, with no threat of ever being gobbled up by anyone.

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Be sure to set aside Saturday, Dec. 2, as Santa is coming to downtown Tuckahoe at 10 a.m.

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## Milestones



Mike Cullum is November's Special Touch Volunteer of the Month at Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital. Cullum has volunteered at the hospital since August 2005 and has accumulated over 250 hours of service running a golf cart valet service for patients, visitors and employees on Tuesdays.



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Richard and Carol Hawthorne proudly announce the engagement of their daughter Carolann to Matthew Mastalski, son of Joseph and Maureen Mastalski. Carolann, a 2005 graduate of Lower Cape May Regional High School (LCMR) currently attends ACCC full-time. In the fall of 2007 Carolann will transfer to Rowan to study elementary education. Matthew, also a 2005 LCMR graduate, works at the Lower Township Public Works.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rose of Oxnard proudly announce the engagement of their daughter Sarah to John (J.C.) DeBaun, son of John and Vicki DeBaun of Cape May. Sarah, a 2000 graduate of Oxnard High School, also attended Cal State San Marcos as a Communication major. She is currently working with her fiancé in starting up his flooring business, Ocean Floors, in Stone Harbor. J.C., a 1998 graduate of Lower Cape May Regional High School, began his business two years ago. The couple is anticipating a fall 2007 wedding.

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Rachel Rodgers, archivist and curator for the Center for Community Arts (CCA) John T. and Janet D. Nash African American History Archives and Community History Program was given a farewell pot luck supper by CCA volunteers and staff last week before her departure for the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. Pictured, left to right: Emily Dempsey, Mercedes Gaines, Harry Bellangy, Yvonne Wright-Gary, Rachel Rodgers, Hope Gaines, Robin Wise, Judy Ballinger, Jo Tolley, Steve Bacher, Judy Austermler, and Maureen Savage.

Volunteers at the Cape May National Wildlife Refuge were recently acknowledged at a luncheon. Almost 2,000 hours of volunteer time was recorded for the fiscal year of 2006. Throughout the year volunteers helped to open a new trail on the refuge along with helping in wildlife surveys, boundary posting, grounds maintenance, equipment repair, trail work, greeting visitors and trash cleanups.



Team Balford Farms, of the Greater Wildwood Youth Soccer League, won their last game on Saturday by a score of three to two. Michael 'The Shark' Sharkey scored two goals and Dennis McAllister, scored one. This win kept Balford Farms, (ages five to six), with an undefeated season of seven to zero. The team was presented with medals for their hard work and good sportsmanship.

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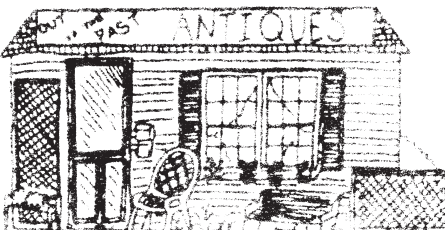
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Cape May Linen prepared all day into the night, With 500 count linens, decorative and kitchen basics, oh what a sight! Tea by the Sea set out the tea, china, cookies and treats, In hopes that shoppers find bargains they can't beat!

For a restful slumber in the heart of West Cape May, Visit The Eldredge House for a soothing stay and a delicious meal. What a great day!

Flanagan Art and Framing has those hard to find gifts, Hand-made paintings and stained glass, check those off this year's must have list!

With shopper's fleeing down through West Cape May onto Broadway, Mangia Mangia offers casual family dining; treat your loved ones today! Breezing onto Sunset from Broadway is less than a mile, Where Vanthia's serves up generous portions with fair prices that will make you smile!

Put away the mums and hang a wreath on the door,

Cape Wind Florist has poinsettias, wreaths, floral arrangements and more!

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by Tara Rosepapa  
Herald Staff



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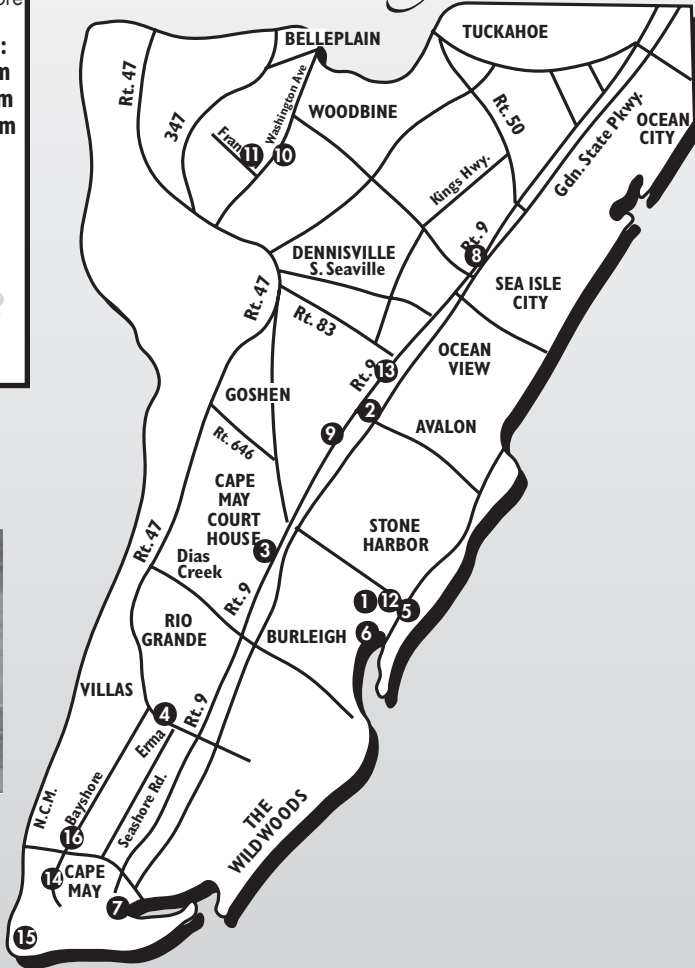
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# Antiques & Heirlooms

by Arthur Schwerdt

## Antiques to be thankful for

Thanksgiving is the most American of holidays.

You just have to know a little something about history, and watch a bit of the news on TV, to know how lucky we all are to be living at this time in this great county.

Old American country antiques, particularly those called "primitives" — handmade, utilitarian items — make us especially grateful that we don't have to go through all the work they had to back then to prepare a big family meal.

As for after the meal, well, let's just say that whenever I see those old wash sets and chamber pots, I feel very, very grateful for indoor plumbing.

There is something about this season that makes us want to connect with the past. American country antiques can do that for us, and I can't remember a time since the Bicentennial, over 30 years ago, when they have been so popular.

There are a couple of reasons for this.

First, folks are beginning to see beyond the old-time nostalgia and notice how truly beautiful some of these country items are — how simply elegant their design, how fine their craftsmanship.

Also, people finally have learned how to incorporate country antiques into their decor. Back in the '70s, folks were trying to be authentic, so they created the kind of hard, cold spaces our ancestors couldn't wait to get out of.

Now we understand, as with



the European country style, how spectacular some specially selected country items can appear when included among even the most elegant or modern settings, and how they can be softened with color and fabric.

If you want to know how it's done, try the magazines. Start with "Country Living."

I am particularly impressed with treen, carved wood primitives. You may have seen those wonderful treen bowls, amazingly carve from one piece of wood. There are also carved wood wall boxes for matches, and spices, and lidded spice boxes, pantry and storage boxes called firkins.

Always look for woodwork in the antique shops. No two items can ever be the same.

Other American country items to look for include: handcrafted metalwares, like copper kettles pressed or decorated tin, and wrought iron.

Old American crockery comes in a wonderful variety of wares: blue decorated gray stoneware, sponge ware, spatter ware, brown Albany slip, brown and white Bristol glaze, red ware and yellow ware.

This holiday season, consider including our heritage of American country antiques in your decor, on your table, and even in your gift-giving. You'll be thankful you did.

**HOLIDAY IDEAS:** This week's holiday ideas are "go-withs." Look for items in the antique shops that go with, and en-

hance, another gift you plan to give.

Include an old scent bottle with some new perfume. Drop an old fountain pen into that new briefcase, or clip it to the ribbon when you wrap up a New Year-2006 calendar or appointment book.

Cash gifts are classier when presented in a unique antique — an old purse, money clip, pin box, etc. When the cash is long spent, the keepsake will remain.

Go-withs are particularly nifty with gifts of food or spirits. A decanter, a shaker, or couple of old cocktail glasses can be a smart addition to a gift of liquor.

With a gift of wine you could also add stem glasses, or an old wine salver (a table coaster for the bottle), available in silver or crystal, something few people think to buy for themselves. You can also find interesting wine-tasters, pourers, bottle stoppers or corkscrews.

With food, there are so many possibilities. Think of all the fascinating old things you can include with a gift of teas or coffees — pots, strainer, cups and saucers, teaspoons, little coffee spoons, sugar spoons, tea tiles, trivets, tea towels.

The antique shops always have some interesting old cookbooks. Choose one as the centerpiece for a gift of appropriate specialty items for ethnic or regional cooking — Italian, Chinese, country, southern, etc.

—Arthur Schwerdt is certified as a senior professional appraiser by the National Association of Professional Appraisers and is co-owner of The August Farmhouse Antiques on Route 9 in Swanton.



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# Carmen Dee

— 60 years of show biz

By JIM VANORE  
*Herald Staff*

If you have spent time enjoying live entertainment anywhere between Wildwood and South Philadelphia in the past half century, chances are you have had the pleasure of listening to the talents of Carmen Dee.

He's performed in venues that have included the best of the Wildwood clubs — Surf Club, Diamond Beach, Enrico's, Club Avalon, and some of the most notable of the great clubs of Philly like Palumbo's and Scioli's.

Today you can still find him at the shore; he'll be appearing with Charlie Prose at the Tropicana in Atlantic City December 16 – 20.

Carmen will also be appearing in Wildwood Dec. 2 at the Convention Center in the island's Holiday Concert, with Leslie Gore and Frankie Avalon.

But he'll be doing a little more than performing at the Dec. 2 concert; he'll also be accepting an award from Wildwood performer Joey M, who will honor Carmen for entertaining visitors to Wildwood since 1950.

"We did a variety show at the Crest Pier in 1950," Carmen said. "The 50s was the start of a great era in Wildwood entertainment. The biggest stars appeared here."

Carmen appeared with such names as Tony Bennett, Johnny Mathis, Helen O'Connell, Frankie Lane, Sammy Davis Jr., the Four Lads and Patti Page.

"In 1959," he said, "I was in the band when Cozy (Morley) opened Club Avalon in North Wildwood."

The South Philadelphia native was recently honored by the Philadelphia City Council for 60 years of entertaining. Many of those years he spent as the bandleader and musical director at Palumbo's nightclub.

"When I was 18 my



Carmen Dee has been entertaining in the South Jersey-Philadelphia area with his big band sound for 60 years.

music teacher suggested I go to Palumbo's," he explained.

It worked; he got hired. At 18 he was playing the sax behind Sinatra on Palumbo's stage. That was the beginning of an association with the South Philly institution that lasted until 1994.

In 1961 he became the club's music director, playing behind such stars as Vic Damone, Jerry Vale, Andy Williams, and his personal favorite, Jimmy Durante.

"Durante was a character," he said. "I went with him to do a show in Washington, and he wanted to take me to Vegas to the Dunes and be his musical director, but Frank Palumbo would not let me out of my contract."

Bad luck for Durante; good luck for us here in South Jersey, because we got to hear Carmen Dee and his orchestra for many years.

"I've spent every summer in Wildwood since 1950," he asserted. "I've seen a lot of change in that time."

One of his best memories was when the bartenders played the celebrities in a 1954 baseball game at Fox Park. (The celebrities won!)

The great clubs and great entertainment spectacles of that era (He appeared with Tiny Tim at the Surf Club in 1971) may have passed into history, but Wildwood has not forgotten Carmen Dee, as evidenced by his Dec. 2 appearance at the Convention Center.

"My wife still is the hostess at Duffer's," he said, "and we still love Wildwood."



Carmen Dee and Jimmy Durante on Palumbo's stage in the 1960s. "He was a terrific guy," Carmen said.

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# Hispanic Night of the Arts scheduled



Four emerging female artists, and instructor, Jacqueline Sandro, model their finished ceramic masks, which will be on display at the Dec. 2 "Noche de Artes" event.

By ERIN O'NEILL  
Herald Staff

The Puerto Rican Action Committee (PRAC) of Southern New Jersey originated as a means to prevent the exploitation of rural Salem County migrant farm workers in the early 1970s. Today, the PRAC extends its services to community and cultural services for all ethnicities. The not-for-profit agency is concerned about the nation wide immigrant controversy and has launched a series of public displays to help educate and dispel the growing cultural fear enveloping Cape May County. Currently, PRAC is developing new arts and cultural programs

at the community center in Woodbine, which serves, in cooperation with the Salem County office, as a local focal point for state funded social workshops and educational outreach sources. A \$10,000 cultural grant awarded by the Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders provided PRAC with the monetary means to promote their vision of community wide Hispanic arts, history, and cultural programming, as well as inter-cultural understanding. The grant money funded a summer ceramic arts workshop, Simbolos, Santuarios, y Mascaras (Symbols, Sanctuaries,

and Masks) and Hispanic Calendar Arts Competition. Award winning ceramicist, Jacqueline Sandro, led the summer arts program, a free four-day workshop open to Cape May County students, in which 80 percent of the participants were Hispanic artists age 14 to 16. Sandro guided the students in creating traditional Puerto Rican and African masks, as well as artifacts of spiritual celebration, in the theme of El Dia de los Muertos (The Day of the Dead). The Hispanic Calendar Arts Competition concluded taking submissions on Nov. 20. The competition accepted artwork, which focused on Hispanic people, culture, and customs in all types of media, by artists age 14 to 21. The artist selected for the cover receives a \$250 cash prize. The 12 winners of the competition, as well as the students from the summer arts ceramic workshop, will display their work during a Noche de Artes (Night of the Arts) celebration, also funded by the cultural grant. Noche de Artes begins at 6 p.m. on Dec. 2 at the Middle Township Perform-

ing Arts Center (PAC). Noche de Artes celebrates Hispanic heritage with a free evening of Hispanic music, dance, art, and culture. Helen Clymer, Arts Coordinator for PRAC, said, "This event is the first in its kind in Cape May County to promote Hispanic art." The evening begins at 6 p.m., and includes a bilingual presentation, "What is Hispanic Culture?" that will explain Hispanic culture and what it means to be Latino.

A traditional Mexican mariachi band will accompany the presentation. A salsa dancer and Puerto Rican traveling theater group from New York City will also perform. Spend the evening promoting Hispanic culture, supporting emerging artists, and fostering positive community relations. Contact PRAC for further information at 609-861-5800 or visit [www.pracnj.com](http://www.pracnj.com). O'Neill can be reached at [eoconnell@cmcherald.com](mailto:eoconnell@cmcherald.com)

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# Film Festival closes with art and film

By **CHRISTINE COTE**  
*Herald Staff*

The sixth annual New Jersey State Film Festival at Cape May concluded Nov. 19 with a brunch at Congress Hall despite a year with some difficult transition and challenges.

The festival can no longer rely on the vision and talent of founder and artistic director Ron Rollet whose retirement was announced in this year's program. He is coping with serious health issues.

But Ed Henry, one of the Board of Governors, took over as acting chair of this year's event, which introduced some new award categories.

The closing of Beach Theatre here also left the festival without one of its major forums. But according to Marketing Director Todd Land they had prior warning and were able to plan accordingly.

New venues this year were the Church of the Advent, Cape May Stage, Cape May Fire and the elementary school here.

At the buffet breakfast labeled "Film Inspired by Art," more than 100 gathered in the main ballroom to eat, view four films, and hear who had won the new awards.

One of the films featured last year, "Gerald Lynch - Sculptor" by Craig Rinkerman a graduate of Lower Cape May Regional High School, was shown during the breakfast program and works of Lynch were displayed around the ballroom.

His film is a documentary about the life and work of the Lower Township resident, with interviews with friends and family combined with footage of Lynch, who died in 2000, teaching about stone carving.

Rinkerman was given the Susan Sarandon Award, for a work that brought a greater focus on community and education.

The short film "Happy Birthday" by Jonathan Zelenak was also shown. Zelenak won the award for best short film, which will now be



**Festival Curator Stefan Prosky with C. Thaddeus Banks**

given in Rollet's name. This film is a quirky slant on the "boy meets girl, boy loses girl" story shot completely in Cape May.

Henry said that in a few years he hoped that new awards would be named for these young men for the paths they have opened.

Each of those films was about a half hour long, but brunch-goers were also treated to two films under ten minutes long that were about as different as one could expect.

"Octave," by Emily Hubley is animated, and blends musical scale and ever-changing visual clues to tell vignettes of love, loss and life. Hubley's work was featured at the 2003 festival.

"The Art of Theatrical Ushery," by C. Thaddeus Banks of Galloway, had the audience laughing as Banks portrayed a movie usher, who dressed like a referee and took no prisoners.

As he said in a closing line, "I don't care if you're handicapped, I'll wheel you out."

You wouldn't want to sneak in or bring food into a theater where he was on the job.

Banks was awarded the Robert Prosky Award for acting. While he took questions, one woman asked Banks if that was his real job.

"Do you want it to be?" the young man said to her without missing a beat and just a bit in character.

Festival Curator Stefan Prosky said they tried to get Banks to come in character but he wouldn't.

Mike Henry won the Steve Sabol award for cinematography for his film "Heartache & Hope."

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The Fishing Line

By CAROLYN MILLER  
Herald Staff



Ron Pocius of Scranton, Pa., with a keeper bass caught in the back bay behind Wildwood Crest.

**BE MY GUEST – Jarret Strickon, 7, of Sewell, weighed in his first ever striped bass which tipped the scales at 14 pounds. Jarret and his Dad were chumming clam bellies from Sterling Harbor Bait & Tackle when he hooked the fish in the back bays of Wildwood at Playpen 2.**

Good news continues to come in about the striper season. Sterling Harbor reported a decent striper bite in the Cape May Rips this past week, with lots of smaller fish showing up. The weather, the boat traffic, and stirred up water played a factor, but those that stuck it out and weeded through the smaller fish brought dinner back to the dock.

Many anglers were using live spot, however, live eels were catching the larger fish.

The Delaware Bay is still producing larger stripers at the usual chunking spots like 60 foot Slough, the Horseshoe area, and Brandywine Shoal. In the back bays stripers are being caught while chumming with clam.

Capt. Ray, Tide Runner, also found good fishing last week. Flies and plugs were taking stripers in the back bay and inlet area from schoolie to 31 inch keepers. Bunker and spearing pattern flies were the top catchers and Yo Zuri swimming plugs were best for the spin anglers, black and natural colors working best.

All the trips were mid afternoon to early evening in synch with the tides. With the lower angle of the sun, the fish are hitting earlier in the day making it more enjoyable to see the action.

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Last Quarter .....	12
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**TIDE TABLE**  
Computed for Cape May City beachfront; for other areas, see Correction Times.

(Eastern Standard Time)

DATE	HIGH	LOW
	a.m. p.m.	a.m. p.m.
1 Wed.	3:47	4:07 9:40 10:14
2 Thurs.	4:43	5:03 10:42 11:03
3 Fri.	5:34	5:56 11:38 11:50
4 Sat.	6:24	6:47 12:32
5 Sun.	7:12	7:36 12:36 1:24
6 Mon.	7:59	8:26 1:22 2:15
7 Tues.	8:47	9:16 2:09 3:06
8 Wed.	9:37	10:08 2:56 3:59
9 Thurs.	10:28	11:03 3:46 4:54
10 Fri.	11:22	4:39 5:52
11 Sat.	12:03	12:19 5:37 6:53
12 Sun.	1:07	1:19 6:41 7:52
13 Mon.	2:10	2:18 7:47 8:46
14 Tues.	3:07	3:14 8:50 9:33
15 Wed.	3:58	4:04 9:46 10:15
16 Thurs.	4:42	4:50 10:36 10:52
17 Fri.	5:22	5:33 11:21 11:27
18 Sat.	5:59	6:13 12:02
19 Sun.	6:36	6:51 12:01 12:43
20 Mon.	7:13	7:29 12:35 1:22
21 Tues.	7:50	8:07 1:09 2:02
22 Wed.	8:27	8:46 1:44 2:42
23 Thurs.	9:07	9:28 2:22 3:26
24 Fri.	9:51	10:15 3:03 4:13
25 Sat.	10:39	11:09 3:51 5:04
26 Sun.	11:33	4:46 5:59
27 Mon.	12:11	12:32 5:51 6:56
28 Tues.	1:17	1:35 7:04 7:54

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LOW	HIGH
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	Minus 1
Plus 7	
Ocean City (9th St. Bridge)	Plus 11
Plus 31	
Corson Inlet (Bridges)	Minus 3
Plus 9	
Sea Isle City (Ludlam Thoro Bridge)	Plus 32
Plus 61	
Sea Isle City Beach	Minus 31
Minus 7	
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Plus 51	
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Good at any ShopRite.

**ShopRite Coupon**  
**NON FOOD** Special of the Week  
**DAEWOO DVD PLAYER "MUST USE COUPON & PP CARD"**  
**\$24.99** EA.  
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1-lb. pkg., Sweet, Salted or Light, Quarters  
**Land O Lakes Butter**  
**3 for \$4.98**  
ONLY 1.66 each  
Limit 4 Per Variety

Fresh, U.S. #1  
**Southern Yams 5-lb. Box**  
ShopRite Sale Price 2.99  
-1.00  
**\$1.99** EA.  
MFR

Baked Fresh, 38-oz. Pumpkin, Apple or Coconut Custard  
**Family Size \$3.99 Pies**  
Limit 4 Per Variety  
**YOU SAVE .50 SR**

7.5 to 10-oz. box, Any Variety, Harvest Fresh or Butter Sauce  
**Green Giant Vegetables**  
**99¢**  
Limit 4 Per Variety  
**YOU SAVE .51 MFR**

Sweet, Imported From Spain  
**Clementines 5-lb. Box**  
ShopRite Sale Price 6.99  
-2.00  
**\$4.99** EA.  
MFR

24 to 39-oz. can, NY Decaf, Colombian or All Method Grind  
**Chock Full 'O Nuts Coffee**  
**\$3.99**  
Limit 4 Per Variety  
**YOU SAVE 3.00 MFR**

**ShopRite Coupon**  
**NON FOOD** Special of the Week  
**SAVE \$1.00 OFF ANY CHRISTMAS WRAP, BOW OR TAG PURCHASE OF \$3.00 OR MORE**  
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Limit 4  
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**NON FOOD** Special of the Week  
**X-BOX 360 \$369.00** EA.  
"MUST USE COUPON AND PP CARD"  
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Limit 1  
Good at any ShopRite.

**2 DAY SALE STARTS TODAY 1 DAY EARLY while Supplies Last**

Model #DTQ20U95C, Front & Rear A/V In, S-Video Input  
**Daewoo 20" Pure Flat Screen TV**  
ShopRite Sale Price 119.99  
-50.00  
**\$69.99** MFR

1024 X 768 High Definition Resolution, Wall Mountable, S-Video Input, Composite A/V Input, Component Video Input  
**Venturer 17" Full Screen LCD TV**  
ShopRite Sale Price 219.99  
-30.00  
**\$189.99** MFR

Compatible with DVD/DVD-R/DVD+R/DVD-RW/DVD+RW/CD-R/CD-RW/MP3/JPEG/KODAK PICTURE CD/DIVX Built in 2 Channel Speaker, Remote Controller, Carrying Bag, Auto Switching AC Adapter 100=240 Volt, 12-Volt Car Cigarette Lighter Adapter, Model #DCP-8400N  
**Daewoo Portable DVD Player 8" LCD Screen**  
ShopRite Sale Price 114.99  
-35.99  
**\$79.00** MFR

Each, A500, 5.1 Megapixel  
**BUY 1 Fuji Finepix 5mp Digital Camera \$129.99**  
**AND BUY 1 Each, Digital Camera Fuji Accessory Kit \$19.99**  
**FINAL COST \$99.99 MFR**  
TOTAL 149.98  
-49.99

Your Choice, Each  
• Fisher Price Digital Camera  
• FP3 Song & Story Player  
ShopRite Sale Price 69.99  
-20.00  
**\$49.99** MFR

48 to 56-oz. cont., Any Variety, Frozen Yogurt, Sherbet, Light or Regular  
**Turkey Hill Ice Cream**  
**\$1.99**  
Limit 2 Offers  
**YOU SAVE 1.60 MFR**

2,400 tot. sht. ct. pkg., Ultra Double Roll 12-Pk., 4,224 tot sht. ct. pkg., Double Roll 12-Pack or, Quilted  
• Northern 24-Pk. Bath Tissue  
480 tot. sht. ct. pkg., Giant Roll 6-Pack or  
• Brawny 8-Pack Towels  
**Your Choice \$5.99**  
Limit 4 Per Variety  
**YOU SAVE 2.50 MFR**

Beef Rib, All Natural, Free Range, Nature's Reserve  
**Boneless Rib Eye Roast**  
**\$4.99** LB.  
Product of Australia

Fresh, Imported From Peru  
**Tender Green Asparagus**  
ShopRite Sale Price 1.89 lb.  
-1.50 lb. SR  
**\$1.39** LB.  
Limit 4-lbs.